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**Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey**

Commercial Catfish growers had sales of 14.3 million dollars during 2004, down 1 percent from the previous year. Water surface acres totaled 7,600, of which 6,500 were being used for foodsize fish, 1,000 for fingerlings and 100 for broodfish. Last year water surface acres totaled 8,800.

**United States Catfish Growers Survey**

Catfish growers in the 11 Selected states had sales of 480 million dollars during 2004, up 13 percent from the previous year. The top four states (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana) accounted for 95 percent of the U.S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish increased 14 percent from 2003 to

451 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 22.2 million dollars, an increase of 4 percent from 2003. Sales of stockers totaled 6.26 million dollars in 2004, a 1 percent decrease from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 94 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish, while 93 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. Remaining sales were for recreational use, to live haulers, or for retail government, or other users.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2005, totaled 174 thousand acres, down 2 percent from the 178 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 5.50 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2005. An additional 796 acres area under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2005. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2004, the area taken out of production totaled 9.55 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2005, foodfish were produced on 145 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 21.5 thousand and 3.93 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

**Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface and Total Sales**

Selected States	Operations		Water Surface		Total Sales – All Sizes	
	January 1 2004 <sup>1</sup>	January 1 2005	January 1 2004 <sup>1</sup>	January 1 2005	During 2003 <sup>1</sup>	During 2004
	-----Number-----		-----Acres-----		-----1,000 dollars-----	
Alabama	230	230	25,400	25,100	85,159	101,198
Arkansas	161	153	34,000	31,500	59,047	66,618
California	30	31	1,800	1,700	7,228	7,482
Florida	35	46	710	650	1,208	1,139
Georgia	30	55	750	1,090	1,471	1,475
Illinois <sup>2</sup>	18	---	320	---	306	---
Kentucky	70	60	600	600	1,381	1,151
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>14,505</b>	<b>14,316</b>
Mississippi	410	410	101,000	101,000	243,176	274,971
Missouri	21	24	1,370	1,320	1,954	1,358
North Carolina	49	49	2,100	2,000	6,118	7,021
South Carolina <sup>2</sup>	9	---	90	---	121	---
Texas	36	62	850	1,030	3,350	3,446
<b>United States</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>177,790</b>	<b>173,590</b>	<b>425,024</b>	<b>480,175</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued for January 2005 (2004 sales).

### Pecan: Production, Price and Value of Production

State	All Pecan Production			Utilized Production for 2004 Crops		2004	2004
	Final 2002	Final 2003	Ind 2004	Improved	Native & Seedling	Average Price per Pound, all Pecans	Value of Production
	-----1,000 Pounds-----			-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----Dollars-----	-1,000 Dollars-
Alabama	5,000	8,000	1,000	950	50	1.300	1,299
Arizona	16,000	22,500	14,000	14,000	---	1.750	24,500
Arkansas	1,700	3,800	2,200	1,300	900	1.320	2,900
California	3,800	3,700	3,600	3,600	---	1.920	6,912
Florida	1,400	2,100	500	200	300	1.170	585
Georgia	45,000	75,000	45,000	40,000	5,000	1.700	76,350
Kansas	2,900	2,000	1,800	---	1,800	1.750	3,150
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>0.875</b>	<b>7,000</b>
Mississippi	3,000	7,000	1,000	700	300	1.120	1,120
New Mexico	36,000	55,000	37,000	37,000	---	2.200	81,400
North Carolina	1,900	2,500	100	70	30	1.850	185
Oklahoma	10,000	6,000	26,000	4,000	22,000	1.260	32,800
South Carolina	200	4,500	800	600	200	1.780	1,420
Texas	40,000	70,000	40,000	28,000	12,000	1.550	61,800
<b>United States</b>	<b>172,900</b>	<b>282,100</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>132,420</b>	<b>48,580</b>	<b>1.670</b>	<b>301,421</b>

### U.S. Pecan Production

The February end-of-season estimate for the 2004 crop is 181 million pounds, down 36 percent from the 2003 crop. Improved varieties are expected to account for 132 million pounds of the total, while native and seedling varieties making up the difference. The 2004 average U.S. all pecan price is \$1.67 per pound (in-shell basis), up from 2003's average of \$0.98. Total value of utilized production is 301 million dollars, up 9 percent from last season. Louisiana pecan production is estimated at 8.0 million pounds, compared to 20.0 million pounds produced in 2003.

## Louisiana: Season Average Price and Value of Production<sup>1</sup>

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit		Value of Production	
		2003	2004	2003	2004
		-----Dollars-----		-----Dollars-----	
Corn, Grain	bushel	2.40	2.45	160,800	135,608
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.609	2/ .472	300,213	2/ 200,506
Cottonseed	ton	100.00	86.00	36,500	27,606
Hay, All (baled)	ton	51.00	55.00	56,202	61,050
Rice, All	cwt	7.68	7.85	202,729	223,898
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	4.30	3.80	33,772	11,066
Soybeans, Beans	bushel	6.80	6.25	171,088	204,188
Sugarcane, All	ton	25.80	3/	331,220	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	20.00	17.80	63,000	41,385
Wheat, Winter	bushel	3.30	3.40	18,942	28,050
TOTAL FIELD & MISC. CROPS				1,374,751	1,221,562
TOTAL FRUITS & NUTS				16,423	8,136
TOTAL COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES				1,732	819
TOTAL VALUE PRINCIPAL CROPS				1,392,906	1,230,517

## United States: Season Average Price and Value of Production<sup>1</sup>

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit		Value of Production	
		2003	2004	2003	2004
		-----Dollars-----		-----Dollars-----	
Corn, Grain	bushel	2.42	1.95	24,476,803	23,327,795
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.630	.480	5,516,761	5,299,559
Cottonseed	ton	117.00	105.00	778,994	874,280
Hay, All (baled)	ton	85.50	89.70	12,006,783	12,197,354
Rice, All	cwt	8.08	7.40	1,628,948	1,676,020
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	4.26	3.05	964,978	839,210
Soybeans, Beans	bushel	7.34	5.10	18,013,753	16,098,170
Sugarcane, All	ton	29.50	3/	998,269	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	19.20	17.50	305,448	287,432
Wheat, All	bushel	3.40	3.38	7,929,039	7,191,798
Wheat, Winter	bushel	3.27	3.30	5,597,974	4,916,122

<sup>1</sup> 2004 crops are preliminary. Marketing year average prices do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the CCC, crop deficiency payments or disaster payments. U.S. monthly prices, for all crops in the monthly price estimating program, are computed by weighting monthly state prices by monthly marketing for each state.

<sup>2</sup> Based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004.

<sup>3</sup> Available July 29, 2005 in the report titled "Agricultural Prices".

## Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2003-2005<sup>1</sup>

Class	2003	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	-----1,000 Head-----	-----1,000 Head-----	-----1,000 Head-----	Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	6,321	6,105	6,135	100
Market	1,651	1,606	1,602	100
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,670	4,499	4,533	101
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	703	702	771	110
Ewes – One Year Old and Older	3,773	3,610	3,573	99
Rams – One Year Old	194	188	190	101
Lamb Crop	4,140	4,096	----	----

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding

**All sheep and lamb inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 6.14 million head, up slightly from 2004, but 3 percent below two years ago. The inventory has leveled off and is showing a slight increase for the first time since 1990.

**Breeding sheep inventory** increased to 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005, up 1 percent from 4.50 million head on January 1, 2004. Ewes one year and older, at 3.57 million head, were 1 percent below last year.

**Market sheep and lambs** on January 1, 2005, totaled 1.60 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2004. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-six percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 13 percent were 65-84 pounds, 24 percent were 85-105 pounds, 32 percent were over 105 pounds, and 5 percent were market sheep.

**The 2004 lamb crop** of 4.10 million head, a record low, was down 1 percent from 2003. The 2004 lambing rate was 113 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2004, up 3 percent from 2003.

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